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SUBJECT: SOVIET DELEGATION IN RADIO/TV

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1. SOVDEL ARRIVED AS SCHEDULED AND HAD SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, DC. DEPT APPRECIATES ADVANCE INFO O SOVDEL INTERESTS (REF B), WHICH PROVED USEFUL IN PLANNING PROGRAM. WASHINGTON PROGRAM INCLUDED CULTURAL SEMINAR ON US CULTURE, WHITE HOUSE BRIEFING, FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE, WETA TV AND WETA FM (PUBLIC RADIO AND TV STATIONS), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS, FORD CAMPAIGN HQ AND MEETING AT DEPT.

2. AT DEPT MEETING COUNSELOR SONNENFELDT SPOKE AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES. DISCUSSION CENTERED ON US PRESS COVERAGE OF SOVIET AFFAIRS, VISAS FOR SOVIET TRADE UNION OFFICIALS, FULFILLMENT OF CSCE PROVISIONS, US ELECTIONS, AND POST-ELECTION US
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FOREIG; POLICY. DISCUSSIONS WERE OFF THE RECORD AND

RELATIVELY OPEN, ESPECIALLY ON PART OF SOVIET JOURNALISTS,
WHO JOINED RADIO/TV DELEGATION AT THIS MEETING.

3. ONLY PROBLEM AROSE WHEN SOVDEL ATTEMPTED INCLUDE

NEW YORK BASED SOVIET RADIO/TV CORRESPONDENT LIPOVETSKY
AS THIRD MEMBER OF SOVDEL TO REPLACE BELOBOROD'KO. AS
IN SIMILAR ATTEMPT TO INCLUDE POMPYANSKY IN SOVIET YOUNG
POLITICAL LEADERS DEL WHICH VISITED US LAST MAY UNDER
ACYPL-CYO EXCHANGE (STATE 110941), WE ADVISED SOVIETS
THAT DEPT EXCHANGE PROGRAM NOT INTENDED FOR SOVIETS
RESIDENT IN US. LIPOVETSKY WAS NOT INCLUDED AS MEMBER OF
DEL BUT WE AGREED TO SOVIET REQUEST THAT HE ACCOMPANY
DELEGATION ON PART OF DC PROGRAM AND HE WILL PARTICIPATE
IN PART OF PROGRAM IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE IS ASSIGNED.

4. DEL PLANS DEPART NEW YORK CITY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 FOR
LONDON WHERE THEY WILL SPEND SOME TIME PRIOR RETURN TO
USSR.

5. WILL SUBMIT FURTHER REPORT AT END OF VISIT. HABIB

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